

IN THE DRAWINGS:

On the enclosed sheets of drawings, including sheets 3/9, 4/9, 5/9, and 6/9, corrections to Figs. 2, 5, 6A, and 8 are presented. These sheets also include Figs. 3, 4, 6, and 7, which include no new corrections.

Fig. 2 has been revised to add the reference numeral --148-- with appropriate lead line. FIG. 5 has been revised to add the reference numeral --110-- with appropriate lead line. FIG. 6A has been revised to add the reference numeral --100'-- with appropriate lead line arrow. FIG. 8 has been revised to add the reference numeral --130-- with appropriate lead line.

These corrections are identified in the enclosed marked-up sheets 3/9, 4/9, 5/9, and 6/9 and have been incorporated into the enclosed replacement sheets 3/9, 4/9, 5/9, and 6/9.

None of these corrections to the drawings introduces new matter into the above-referenced application.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 4, 2005, has been received and reviewed.

Claims 1-29 are currently pending and under consideration in the above-referenced application. Each of claims 1-29 stands rejected.

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

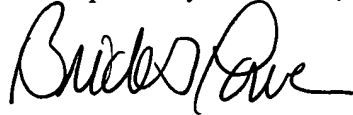
Claims 1-29 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-29 of U.S. Patent 6,634,100.

A terminal disclaimer and the appropriate fee are being filed herewith, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) and (c), to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, thereby expediting prosecution of the above-referenced application and avoiding further expense and time delay. The filing of a terminal disclaimer in the above-referenced application should not be construed as acquiescence in the propriety of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1-29 is allowable. An early notice of the allowability of each of these claims is respectfully solicited, as is an indication that the above-referenced application has been passed for issuance. If any issues preventing allowance of the above-referenced application remain which might be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Office is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Attachment: Replacement Sheets 3/9, 4/9, 5/9, and 6/9
Annotated Sheets 3/9, 4/9, 5/9, and 6/9 with corrections

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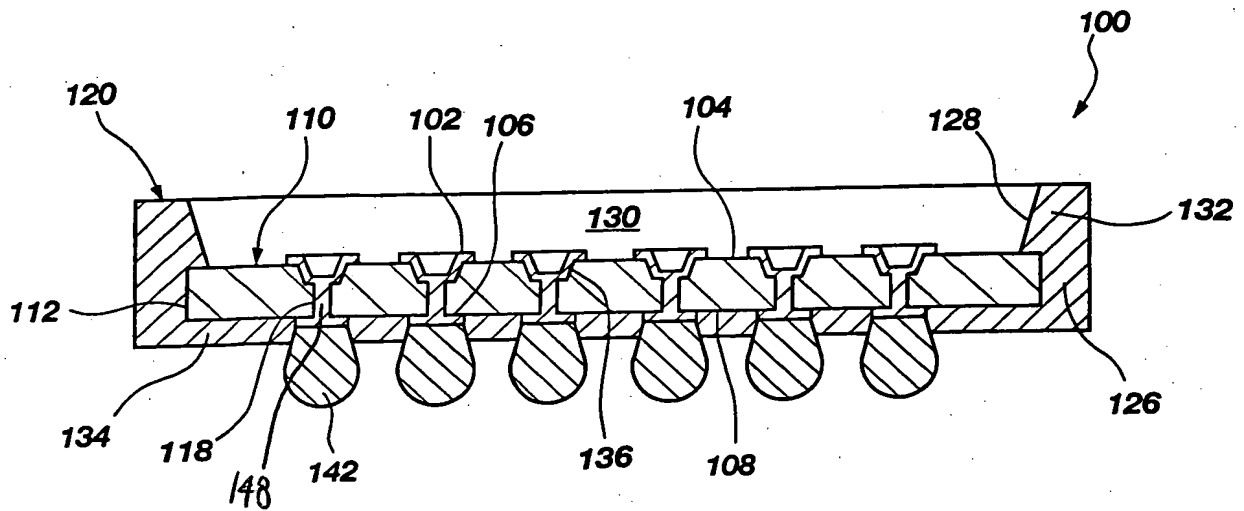


Fig. 2

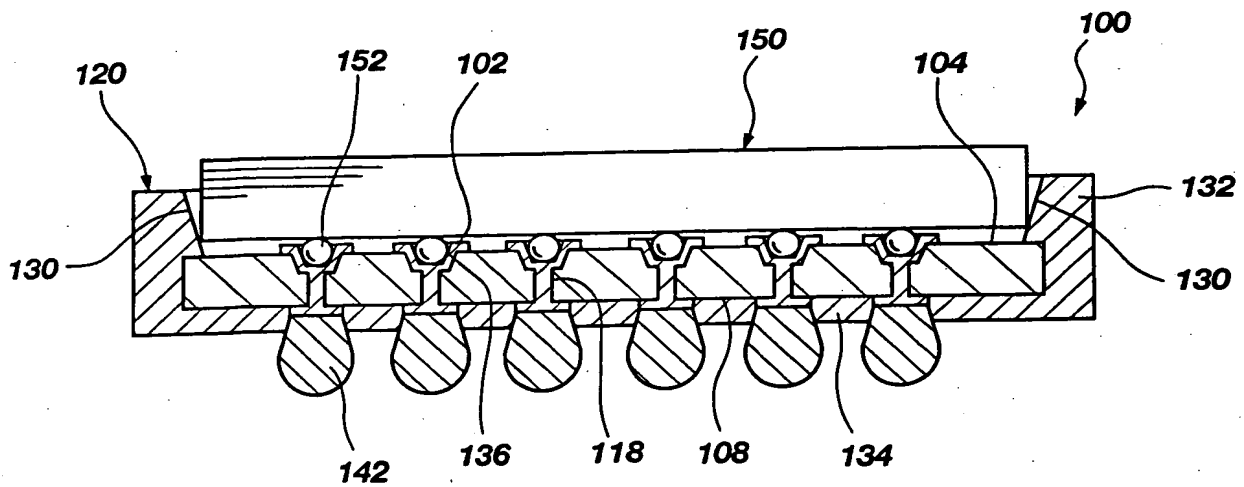


Fig. 3

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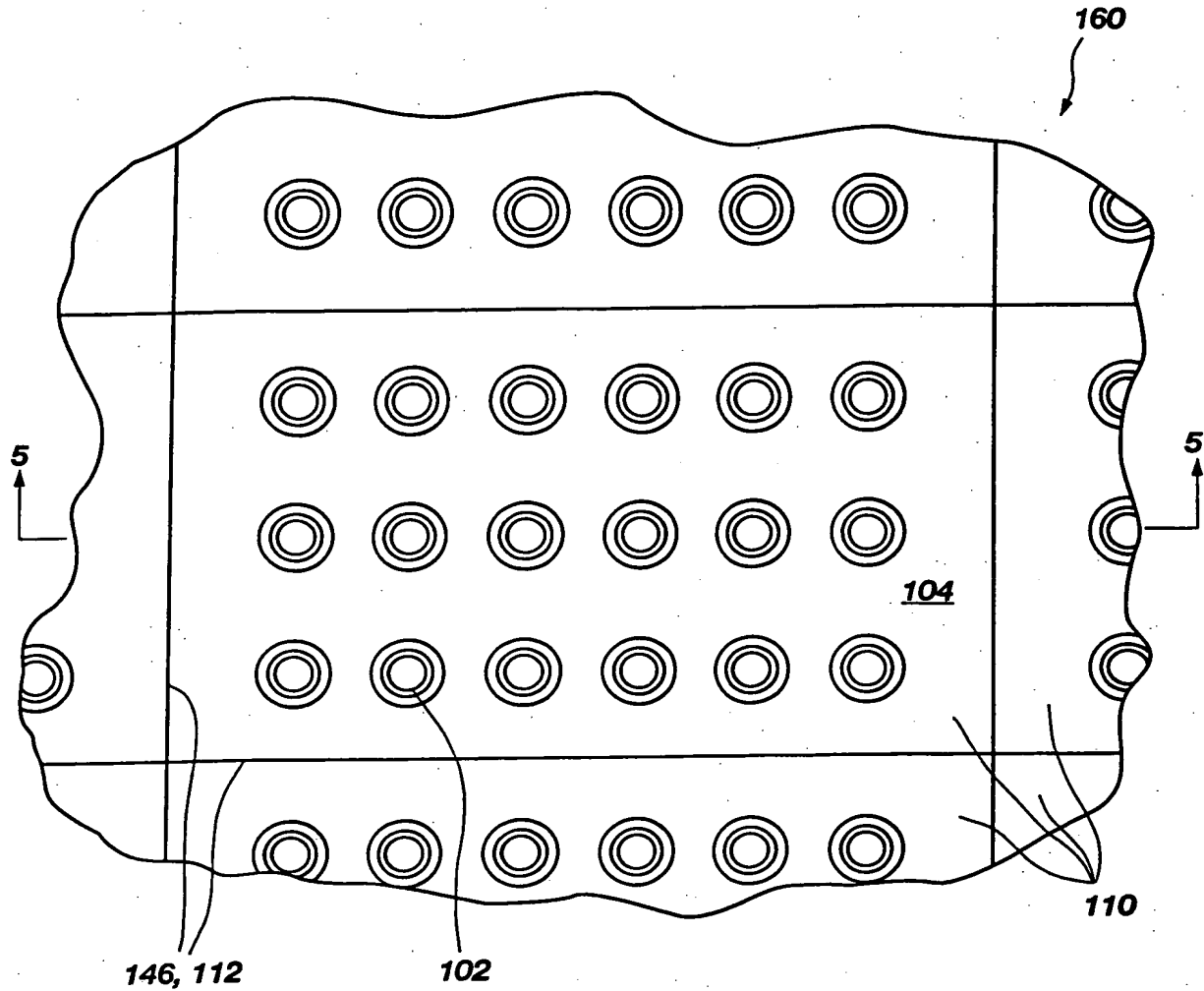


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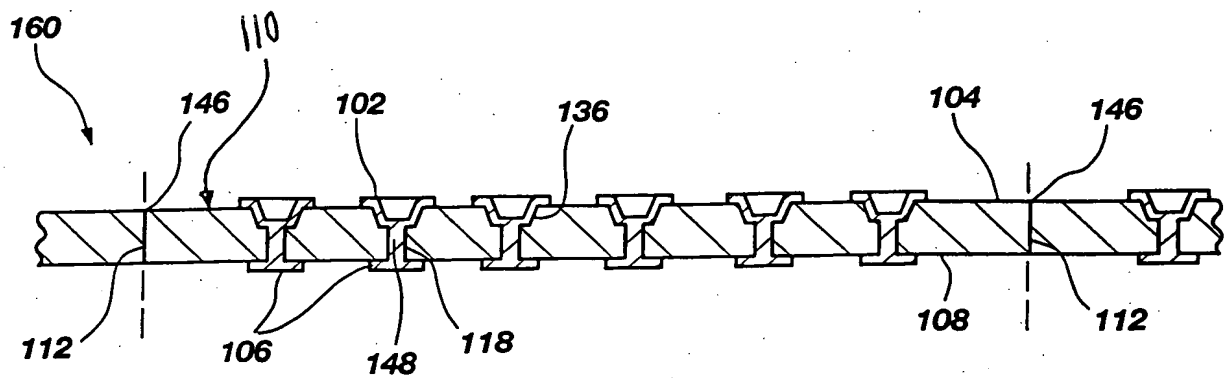


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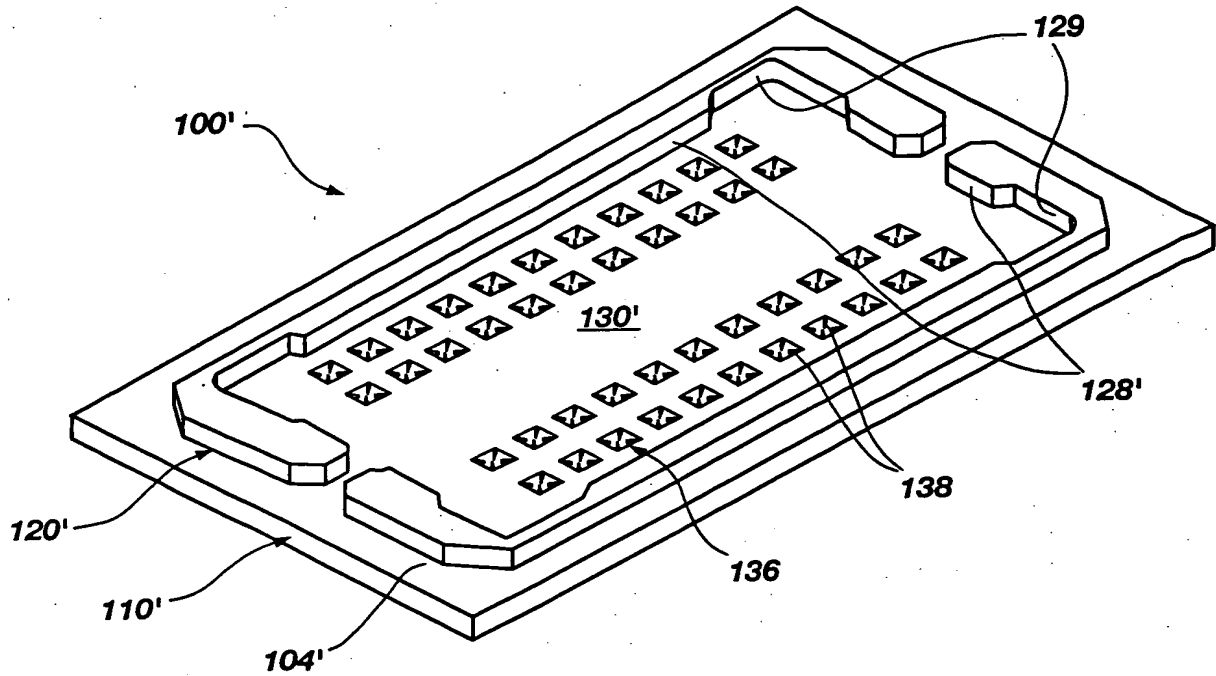


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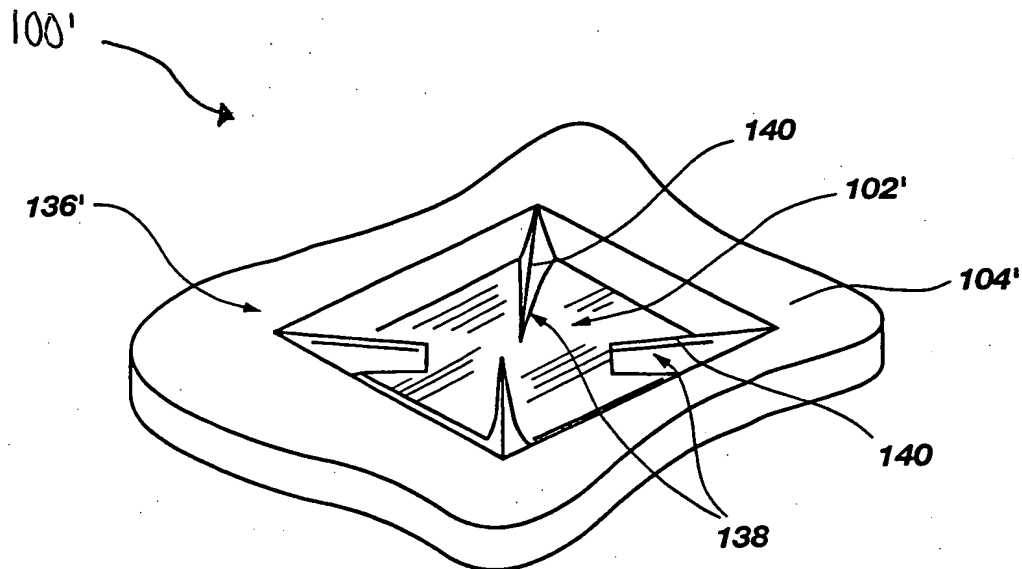


Fig. 6A

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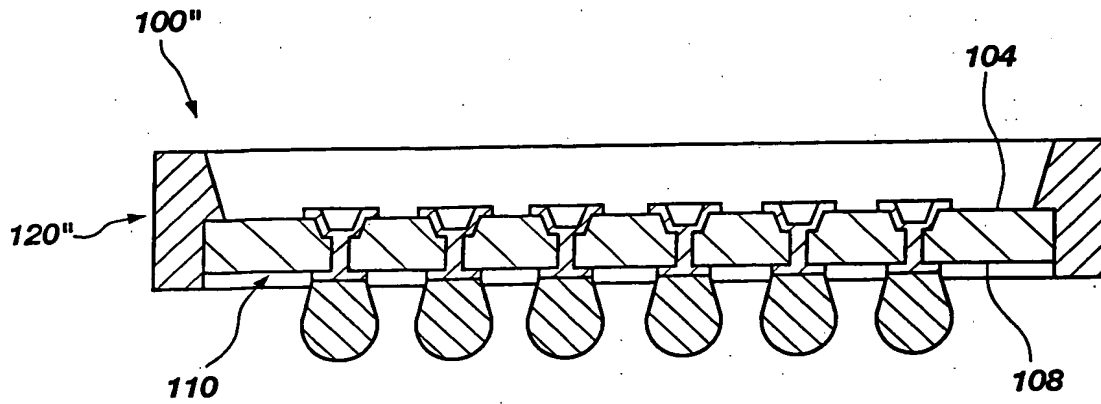


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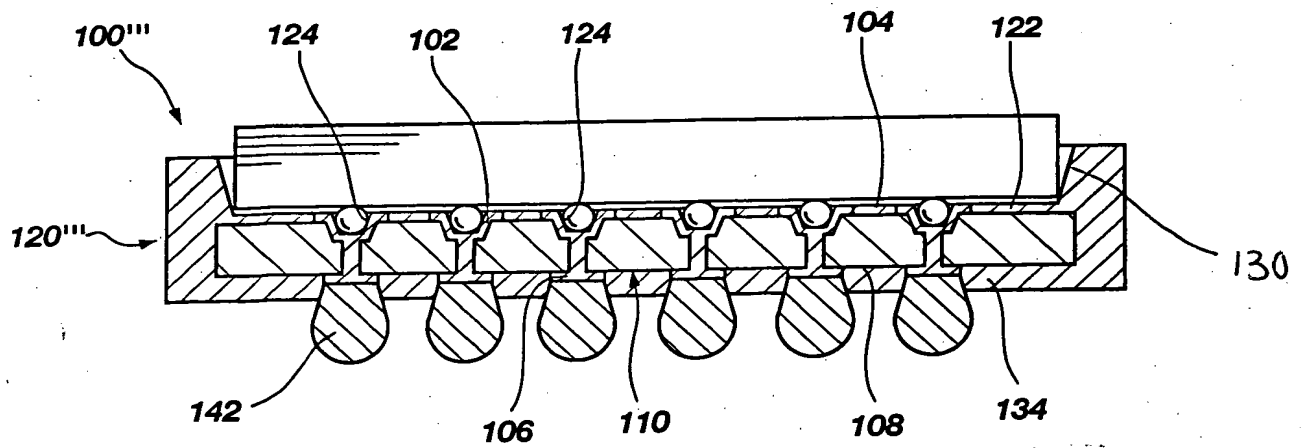


Fig. 8